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**NEWS ADVISORY**

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***MILWAUKEE POLICE ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF SEIZE & HOLD***  
*Police District 5 shows success after gang members removed from neighborhood*

**WHAT:** News conference to announce impact of Seize & Hold initiative following removal of gang members from N. 19<sup>th</sup> & W. Nash Streets on February 14, 2008

**WHEN:** 5 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2008

**WHO:** Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Milwaukee Police Fifth District Captain Anthony Smith, Deputy U.S. Attorney Bill Lipscomb

**WHERE:** District 5 Police Station, 2920 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

**DETAILS:** The area held by Milwaukee Police in the wake of the removal of the Nash Street Boys gang on February 14, 2008 has experienced a drop in most categories of reported crime.

Since the roundup, which was conducted in a joint operation among the Milwaukee Police Department, the FBI Milwaukee Office and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), block watches have increased, complaints of shots fired have dropped and robberies are down markedly.

Total reported crimes in the area are down about 50 percent when we compare the 30 days prior to the roundup to the 30 days after the operation.

Chief Flynn and Capt. Smith, along with Police Officers who have been working the area, will share the numbers and anecdotes about their contacts in the target area

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